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SUBJECT: INDEPENDENCE DAY MESSAGE

1. FOLLOWING IS MESSAGE FOR PRESIDENT NIXON FROM  
PRESIDENT ASAD ON THE OCCASION OF INDEPENDENCE DAY.  
THE PRESIDENT ASKED THAT THIS BE DELIVERED THROUGH  
OUR CHANNELS TO BE CERTAIN OF ITS PROMPT ARRIVAL.

2. "PRESIDENT RICHARD NIXON, PRESIDENT F THE  
UNITED STATE OS AMERICAN, WASHINGTON

3. "DEAR MR PRESIDENT: ON THE HAPPY OCCASION OF THE  
198TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE INDEPENDANCE OF THE UNITED  
STATES OF AMERICA, I HAVE GREAT PLEASURE IN EXTENDING  
ON BEHALF OF THE SYRIAN ARAB PEOPLE AND IN MY OWN NAME  
OUR SINCERE CONGRATULATIONS AND IN EXPRESSING OUR BEST  
WISHES FOR YOUR PERSONAL GOOD HEALTH AND HAPPINESS AND  
FOR THE CONTINUED PROSPERITY OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

SINCERELY, HAFEZ AL-ASSAD."  
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